

CITY OF LEWISTON

CITY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 1, 1998

REGULAR MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL ROOM AT 7:00 P.M.

THE HONORABLE KAILEIGH A. TARA, MAYOR, PRESIDING.

PRESENT: Councilors Lynch, Kelly, Albert, Samson, Bilodeau, Putnam, City Administrator Robert J. Mulready and Assistant City Administrator Peter Crichton.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Moment of Silence.

A motion was made by Councilor Putnam, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau "To dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meetings of August 3rd, August 11th, and August 20th, and to accept and place them on file as prepared by the Deputy City Clerk."

Mr. Robert Gladu, representing We The People, questioned the wording of vote #16 stating it was his understanding from looking at the tapes of the meeting that the Council had voted to submit the question to the voters, and that action this evening was not necessary.

Attorney Hark stated that it was his understanding that the action taken by the City Council was to have the proper order drafted for public hearing and that the vote as written in the minutes is correct.

It was agreed that the tape would be reviewed and the following action was taken.

VOTE (1)

Motion by Councilor Albert, seconded by Councilor Samson:

That the minutes of the August 3rd, August 11th & August 20th meetings be tabled until the tape has been reviewed.
Passed - Vote 6-0

PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ZONING BOUNDARIES

The ordinance pertaining to zoning boundaries, having had first reading at the meeting of August 11th, received its second reading at this time.

VOTE (2)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Bilodeau:

That the ordinance pertaining to zoning boundaries, to rezone the properties on East Avenue between Green Street and Sabattus Street from Neighborhood Conservation "A" (NCA) district to Office-Residential (OR) district has final passage by a yea and nay vote. Passed - Vote 4-2
Yeas 2,4,5 & 6 Nays 1 & 7

**PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO
TRUCKS AND BUSES ON CERTAIN STREETS**

The ordinance pertaining to trucks and buses on certain streets received its first reading at this time.

Public Works Director Chris Branch provided background information and made a presentation regarding the amendment to the truck weight ordinance.

Barry Putnam, Chairperson of the Ordinance Committee, reported that the Ordinance Committee unanimously recommended approval of the proposed ordinance.

VOTE (3)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That the ordinance pertaining to prohibiting trucks and buses on certain streets has passage on first reading by a yea and nay vote and that the public hearing on said ordinance be continued to the meeting of September 15, 1998, for final passage. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (4)

Motion by Councilor Kelly, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To dispense with the rules and take up item #4 at this time.
Passed - Vote 6-0

EMPOWERMENT ZONE UPDATE

Development Director Greg Mitchell gave an update on the Empowerment Zone Application. He explained how this could bring forty million dollars to the City of Lewiston. He also indicated how staff is involved with over one hundred individuals in determining goals and objectives for the city.

Mayor Tara commended Greg Mitchell and staff for their hard work on the initiative. Councilor Bilodeau concurred with the Mayor and commented on how this update has been very beneficial.

Recessed at 7:55 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 8:15 p.m.

The City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, City Attorney, and We The People members Mr. Paul Madore and Mrs. Jackie Smith returned at this time and advised the Council that the minutes had been reviewed and the minutes are correct as presented.

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM
ON THE BATES MILL PROJECT**

A number of citizens voiced their opinions on the proposed referendum both in favor and against the proposal. Although some Councilors and citizens favored submitting two separate questions, representatives of We The People and Citizens for Jobs and Opportunities supported submitting the question as petitioned.

After a very lengthy discussion the following action was taken.

VOTE (5)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Kelly:

That the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The Bates Mill Redevelopment Project has become a highly debated issue in the City of Lewiston, and

WHEREAS, The City Council determines that the future of this issue should be decided by the voters of Lewiston, and

WHEREAS, The importance of this project on the future of the City dictates that this issue should be decided as soon as possible, Be It Therefore,

RESOLVED, That a special municipal election be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1998.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following referendum question be submitted to the voters of the City of Lewiston at the special municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 1998.

PROPOSED REFERENDUM QUESTION

Shall the resolve, typed in full below, prohibiting the City from expending local tax funds from the general budget, proceeds of general obligation bonds, and/or funds from community development block grants to build a convention center or civic center or to purchase any additional real estate for the Bates Mill Redevelopment Project be adopted?

RESOLVE

No local tax monies shall be spent to build a convention center or civic center in the Bates Mill Redevelopment Project in the City of Lewiston, or shall be spent to purchase any additional real estate for the Bates Mill Redevelopment Project. The construction of a convention center or civic center in the Bates Mill Redevelopment Project, and/or the purchase of additional real estate for the Bates Mill Redevelopment Project, shall not be funded through the City's general budget, general obligation bonds, and/or community development block grants.

Passed - Vote 4-2 Yeas 1,2,4 & 5 Nays 6 & 7

VOTE (6)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To accept the recommendation of the Police Department and to amend the Traffic Schedule as follows:

SECTION 33

PARKING TIME REGULATED - 2 HOURS 9:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

<u>PRESCOTT STREET</u>	<u>Odd numbered side, south side beginning at point 25' from the southwesterly corner of Prescott St and Oak St and extending westerly on Prescott St a distance of 120'.</u>
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Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (7)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To authorize the Lewiston Democratic City Committee to use Kennedy Park on Saturday, September 12, 1998, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. for the Maine State Democratic Party rally subject to the following conditions:

1. Area to be kept properly cleaned by Democratic City Committee.

2. Security, satisfactory to the Police Chief, to be provided at the expense of the Democratic City Committee.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (8)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To authorize the L&A Veterans Council to use Kennedy Park on May 15, 1999, for Armed Forces Day activities subject to the following condition:

1. Area to be kept properly cleaned by L&A Veterans Council.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (9)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To authorize Christ Temple to use Kennedy Park on Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20, 1998, between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 8:30 P.M. subject to the following conditions:

1. Area to be kept properly cleaned by Christ Temple.
2. Security, satisfactory to the Police Chief, to be provided at the expense of Christ Temple.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (10)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To authorize Holy Family Knights of Columbus to hang a banner across Sabattus Street in front of Holy Family Church, from Monday, September 21 thru Saturday, October 3, 1998.

Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (11)

Motion by Councilor Bilodeau, seconded by Councilor Putnam:

To authorize the American Heart Association to hang a banner across Lisbon Street from Monday, September 14 thru Sunday, September 27, 1998. Passed - Vote 6-0

VOTE (12)

Motion by Councilor Samson, seconded by Councilor Albert:

To adjourn at 9:20 P.M. Passed - Vote 6-0

A true record, Attest:

Kelly J. Mercier
Deputy City Clerk
Lewiston, Maine